In the specification:

Please delete the paragraph on Page 6 beginning at line 18 and insert therefore:

--Figure 3a illustrates an embodiment of an applicator with two needle-like electrodes;

Figure 3b illustrates an embodiment of an applicator having an array of needle-like electrodes;

Figure 3c illustrates an embodiment of an applicator having one flat electrode and one needle-like electrode;--

Please delete the paragraph on Page 12 beginning at line 1 and insert therefore:

--Figures 3a, 3b and 3c schematically illustrate various embodiments of the present invention for different applications. Figure 3a illustrates an applicator 60 with two needle-like electrodes 64. Figure 3b shows an applicator 64 with an array of needle-like electrodes 64. Figure 3c depicts an applicator 66 like that shown in Figure 2 and comprising a needle-like electrode 42 and a flat electrode such as electrode 44.--